

SUMMARY

IA-1539

Cool Branch Farm Tenant House
Cool Branch Road
Churchville, Md. 21028

Originally a tenant house on Cool Branch Farm, this part of the farm with this house was recently sold to the owners of Windmill Hill Farm. The house was probably built while Jeremiah McIlvain owned the farm made up of the tracts "Halls Rich Neck" and "Good Neighborhood" from 1843 until 1894. McIlvain made many improvements on the farm including enlarging and re-modelling the brick house and constructing one of the two extant barns, the corn crib, granary, and wagon shed.

Although inhabited within the past 25 years, this abandoned house has deteriorated badly and probably will not be standing much longer.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

COOL BRANCH TENANT HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

WINDMILL HILL TENANT HOUSE

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side Cool Branch Rd. on Cool Branch Run, nr. Churchville

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jay

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1530 Glenville Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace, Md.

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
21078**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HL-1539

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2-story clapboard house, originally situated on Cool Branch Farm and now on Windmill Hill Farm, is located north of Cool Branch Road and on Cool Branch Run.

Set on a raised uncoursed rubblestone foundation this house is 3 bays wide and one room deep and the gable-roof runs on an east-west axis. There is a single brick chimney in the east end and entrances in the first story center bays of both sides. The south side has 3 windows in the 2nd story and the north side has 2, while windows flank the entrance on both sides. Both ends are blank except for 1 window in each gable. There is an entrance to the basement in the south corner of the east end. The cornice is boxed, but otherwise much of the woodwork including the window sash is missing. Where clapboards are missing the balloon frame, hewn sill, and circular sawn lath are visible. The clapboards are fastened with wire nails.

The interior has a two-room plan with a winder staircase in the northeast corner. There is a stone fireplace in the east wall, although no fireplace in the second story. The rafters are tree-trunks with bark on them, pegged together and the attic floor joists are hewn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Originally a tenant house on Cool Branch Farm (HA-144), this abandoned and deteriorated house was recently sold to Peter Jay and is now on Windmill Hill Farm. It was probably built while Jeremiah Mc Ilvain owned the farm made up of tracts "Hall's Rich Neck" and "Good Neighborhood" from 1843 until 1894. Mc Ilvain made many improvements to the farm that had belonged to William Brown - including enlarging and re-modelling the brick house and constructing the extant barn, corn crib, granary and wagon shed.

The house, although inhabited within the past 25 years, has deteriorated badly and will probably not be standing many more years.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will and Equity Records of Harford County

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

8/80

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland 21014

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

ABERDEEN USGS
QUADRANGLE MAP

4385000m N

4384

4383

35'

4382





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Natalie Shivers

Southeast



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Northwest



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Sill and studs, stair framing

North side